

Nov 23rd 2020 Childcare

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	Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC)	Government of Canada, Province of Ontario
Description	The Federal and Provincial governments announced an additional investment through the one-year Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC) of nearly \$147 million to Ontario for 2020-21. This funding will help licensed child care providers and EarlyON child and family centres. In 2020-21, ELCC funding supported measures to minimize the impacts of COVID-19. It will also continue to support initiatives outlined in the initial three-year agreement, including increased access for families and professional learning for staff. Funding provided through the ELCC is in addition to \$234.6 million being provided through the Safe Restart Agreement to keep children and staff safe in child care and early years settings.	
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	Ontario Continues to Gradually and Safely Reopen Child Care for Working Parents	Province of Ontario
Description	The Ontario government announced its plan to allow licensed child care centres across Ontario to open at full capacity starting September 1, 2020. EarlyON Child and Family Centres will also be permitted to reopen with in-person programming along with before- and after-school programs for school aged children which will be permitted to operate with standard ratios and maximum group size requirements. All of these programs will be subject to health and safety protocols in order to keep kids safe.	
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	Ontario Government Supporting Parents as Economy Reopens - Protecting Licensed Child Care	Province of Ontario
Description	The government has unveiled a plan that, together with federal and municipal partnership, provides supports to licensed child care providers to ensure they remain sustainable and ready to open when parents return to work. The plan is focused on protecting child care spaces for parents with a time-limited approach that includes: Support for fixed operating costs for eligible child care and EarlyON Centres, while providers are prohibited from charging parent fees while the Emergency Order is in effect, Direct and rapid funding delivery through municipal service managers for centres that currently receive funding, A straightforward application process for child care centres that do not currently receive provincial funding by allowing them to apply directly to the Ministry of Education, Direction that all child care centres will be required to maximize all available support under Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan,	

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including staffing costs retroactively to March 15, 2020, in addition to federal-provincial rental subsidy supports, Red tape reduction and cost savings by waiving all child care licensing applications, renewals and revision fees, Automatic extension of child care licenses set to expire during the emergency period, and Protecting existing base funding for licensed home child care agencies, and regular funding and wage enhancement grant funding for licensed home child care providers who have remained active during the emergency closure.

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